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REF: (A) KARACHI 2150, OCTOBER 12, 1973

(B) KARACHI 2163, OCTOBER 15, 1973

(C) KARACHI 2178, OCTOBER 17, 1973

1. TO PROTEST REMARKS BY PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER US LEADERS
INTERPRETED BY THEM AS THREATENING MILITARY INTERVENTION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ABOUT 100 PAKISTANI STUDENTS OF THE
NATIONAL STUDENTS FEDERATION (NSF), JOINED BY A HANDFUL
OF ARAB STUDENTS, HELD A PROTEST PROCESSION IN KARACHI
JANUARY 18. BEFORE DEPARTING DOW MEDICAL COLLEGE, A
MAJOR CENTER OF STUDENT ACTIVISM, THE STUDENTS WERE ADDRESSED
BY KARACHI ZONE NSF PRESIDENT NAJMUL HUDA, KNOWN FOR
PRO-CHINESE VIEWS, AND BY ONE HALEEMI, A LOCAL PALESTINIAN

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STUDENT LEADER. HUDA URGED THAT BHUTTO POSTPONE

OR CANCEL HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. ONE PROTEST SLOGAN WAS THAT ANY FRIEND OF THE USA IS A TRAITOR. ON BEING DISPERSED AT A MAJOR DOWNTOWN MARKET, THE STUDENTS BURNED AN AMERICAN FLAG AND AN EFFIGY OF PRESIDENT FORD.

2. FOLLOWING AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROTEST IN THE JANUARY 17 URDU "JANG", A CONGEN OFFICER DISCUSSED POLICE PROTECTION WITH THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, KARACHI, WHO ASSURED HIM THAT THE STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO END THEIR PROCESSION AS PLANNED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. POLICE COVERAGE OF THE STUDENT MARCH WAS MORE THAN ADEQUATE. THE PROCESSION WAS DISBANDED FAR FROM ITS INTENDED GOAL.

3. COMMENT: DEMONSTRATORS' SLOGANS IMPLIED INDIRECT CRITICISM OF THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT A TIME WHEN THE LOCAL PRESS IS BUSILY EXAGGERATING THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. WE NOTE THAT AS IN OCTOBER 1973 PRO-ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS (REF A, B, C) LOCAL AUTHORITIES EXPERIENCED LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATORS WELL AWAY FROM USG INSTALLATIONS.

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